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of China. The objection seems valid. We have seen from the manner in which the Anglo-French Agreement of 1896 about Siam has been interpreted what the danger of guaranteeing one portion only of the territory of a weak state may come to. The unguaranteed part is in constant danger of aggression. We cannot but admire, as a stroke of policy merely, the manner in which Germany has gone about to secure from China a promise of the Open Door in what was once known as the British "sphere of influence" in China. France only seems in this case to have been following her more powerful neighbour's lead. If the explanation is right which is given in the telegram, H.M. Minister at Peking objects to a stipulation guaranteeing the absence of preferential advantages in the Yangtze Valley only and not throughout the whole of China. If we judge by past history, the lack of a guarantee about the rest of China might be twisted, at some future date, into an admission that preferential advantages elsewhere are perfectly in order. Such a line of argument would well suit the book of Powers who have already secured a strong basis in one part of China, from which they are anxious to spread themselves further and further inland, and who see that in the Yangtze Valley their position is not yet protected against a similar action on the part of another Power. In fact the argument might be put thus:—We have got our own individual slice of China, to which we are quite willing to add, but we wish to protect the best remaining part from becoming alienated to anyone as that was to us. Such a policy, however, it must be recognised, is an impossible one in the interests of international comity. The Powers have all professed their desire repeatedly, during the events which succeeded the "Boxer" outbreak, that the perfect integrity of China shall be maintained. The sincerity of this profession is now put to the test. The conditions asked of China before the promise to evacuate Shanghai is kept are in the first place unnecessary, and in the second, if asked at all, incomplete. If it were needful to make China promise not to favour one Power unduly in the Yangtze, it would be just as necessary in the rest of China. We said last week that we failed to understand the attitude of the German Government in connection with the question of Shanghai's evacuation. We are no clearer now, still assuming that Germany is not trying to act otherwise than honestly toward her allies.

The Portuguese gunboat *Dia* arrived yesterday from Macao, and H.M.S. *Cressy* went into dock at Kowloon.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 26th October, were 233 non-Chinese and 88 Chinese to the former, and 60 non-Chinese and 2,342 Chinese to the latter institution.

A river steamer *Hongkong*, plying between Bangkok and Pechim, which went ashore on the east coast of the Gulf and capsized some time ago, has now been raised and taken to Bangkok.

In the Supreme Court yesterday, the Chief Justice drew the attention of the Bar to the fact that when plans or similar productions were to be put in, five copies must be provided; members of the Bar should know that one was of no use.

Leaving over a three-foot-high verandah at 168, Hollywood Road on Sunday, a Chinese woman overbalanced and fell to the street, sustaining a severe scalp wound and minor injuries about the body. She was conveyed to hospital, where she is doing well.

The funeral of the late Mr. R. T. Head took place at the Happy Valley ground after 8 o'clock yesterday morning, between 30 and 40 friends being present. The Rev. F. T. Johnson, chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, read the burial service. A number of wreaths were sent as tokens of respect.

In the six-a-side games of the H. K. A. F. C. yesterday Rutherford's team met with its first reverse, being beaten by Bennett's team by the margin of a goal. The losers, however, were one short up to half-time, whereas Bennett's side played two strong substitutes. Tomorrow a good match is expected between Wolf's team, which has won five games off the reel, and Rutherford's, whose score is four wins to one loss.

H.E. Senhor Conselheiro José d'Azavedo Castello Branco, Portuguese Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary on a special mission, to China, and his suite are due to arrive on the *Hamburg* to-day on their way home. The members of the Club Lusitano are giving a reception to His Excellency this afternoon at 5 o'clock. We understand that, on the invitation of His Excellency, the Acting Governor of Macao is coming over to meet His Excellency; also Messrs. A. J. Basto, P. Nolasco da Silva and Eduardo Marques, representing the *Leal Senado* of Macao. His Excellency will stay in one of the local hotels, and will, we hear, dine with Senhor Conselheiro Romão, Portuguese Consul-General, at his residence, "Duarte," this evening.

Actual work on the Philippines census begins next March.

The first race in 1903 for the America Cup, for which Sir Thomas Lipton has challenged a third time, will be on the 20th August.

A bicycle meet was prevented by the authorities the other day near Kobo on account of the prohibition of public gatherings during the prevalence of cholera.

A movement is on foot in the U. S. War Department to reduce the standing army to 60,000, but such a move will make no change in the footing of the army in the Philippines.

It is said that two residents of Singapore won the first prize in the last Macao lottery—\$50,000. They took half shares in a ticket, which brought them \$25,000 apiece. It is also understood that the third prize of \$10,000 has been won by a Singapore man.

According to the *Deutsch Asiatische Warte*, the German Emperor has ordered the withdrawal of one battalion of the East Asiatic contingent from Chingwantao. The steamer *Gouverneur Jussieu* is to transport the troops from Chingwantao to Tientsin.

According to Shanghai reports, the provincial authorities in Szechuen are disturbed over encroachments within their boundaries of Russians who have come over from Tibet. They have memorialised Peking to ask that help be furnished by Imperial troops to save the borderland from further invasion.

The *Manila Times* publishes the following telegram, dated Zamboanga, 17th October:—The Sultan of Ramayay, representing his own and ten other *rancherias* near Macia, has sent assurances of friendship to Camp Vicars. The Sultan of Minabally, near Macia, did the same. These sultans have been invited to visit the American camp. This is a result of the Macia expedition.

A third meeting of French citizens took place on the 14th inst. at M. Jordan's residence in Bangkok to consider the protest against the new Franco-Siam Treaty, which it had been remitted to a committee to draw up. The Chinese *protégés* and the French missionaries were absent. The protest, which is a lengthy document, took the form of a petition to the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. It was adopted after considerable discussion.

Baseball has "caught on" in Japan, and there are said to be seventy Japanese clubs in the country. It may now be said to be almost as much the Japanese national game as it is the American. If anyone doubted its popularity, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, a visit to the field at half-past four yesterday afternoon [the 17th inst., where Kobe was playing Yokohama] would have dispelled the doubt. The occasional cheering, too, might have been heard some distance away. The greater part of foreign Kobe was present, and some hundreds of Japanese schoolboys, who followed the game intelligently.

Commenting on the Singapore report about a movement being afoot in Bangkok to oust the British officers employed in the Siam Customs and replace them by Frenchmen, the *Siam Observer* remarks:—The *Singapore Free Press* has evidently been misled by some cock-and-bull story connected with the approaching termination of the original engagement of Mr. E. Ambrose as Assistant Director-General and Adviser to the Customs Department, and the question of its renewal pending. There is nothing else, so far as we know, which could have given a pretext for the gossip sent to the Singapore paper.

It is satisfactory news, says the *Straits Times*, that the construction of the Singapore-Johore Railway is rapidly progressing towards completion. We understand all the bridges are finished, and there is little more than a mile of line remaining to be laid at the Woodlands end. The longest bridge is that at Mandai which has a span of about 100 feet. The line is now being ballasted with granite as quickly as the material can be obtained; and the Tank Road terminal station and other stations are very nearly completed. There seems every reason to believe therefore that the construction of the line will be finished by the end of the year.

There has been a report current amongst the natives near Seremban that a volcano in Sumatra, in the Menang Katu District, is in a state of activity, and that the haze which has been prevalent lately is the smoke from that mountain. If the report is true, says a *Malay Mail* correspondent, it sounds a much more likely solution of the mystery than the suggestion that it is dust from Martinique, or "smoke from Japan." Sumatra is very near at hand and the smoke could be very easily blown across the Straits. According to the *Mail*, the Chinese at Kuala Lumpur regard the present abnormal atmospheric conditions as the precursor of a terrible calamity.

The *Foochow Daily Echo* of the 18th inst. says:—The following official notification was issued this afternoon by H. B. M. Consul: The Chinese authorities state that Nantai is frequented at present by a large number of natives of the dangerous classes, who endeavour to screen their misdeeds by pretending to be in the service of foreigners. The authorities request us to warn British subjects to exercise vigilance with regard to such persons. From the city we learn with regret of the death, on the 14th inst., of Sister Jesús de los Dolores, of the Foundling Hospital, from cholera, aged 43, a native of Navarra. The deceased lady was formerly the Director of the college of St. Catherine in Manila and came to Foochow in 1898.

The belated barque *Bangalore* has arrived safely at Manila from Newcastle, N.S.W., with 1,200 tons of coal. She experienced bad weather nearly all through. Captain Evanson, the master, died at sea.

Administration of Manchurian affairs has been given to the Viceroy of Chihli. He has sent there a prefect who will act according to his directions and will reside in Fengtien. A Mixed Court has been established there to adjust all differences between natives and foreigners. As fast as the Russians withdraw from Manchuria Chinese troops are to be sent there. Already a permanent force of 8,000 has been sent, composed of 1,500 cavalry, 4,500 infantry, 1,000 gunners and 1,000 camp followers.

On the 16th inst. the Russian cruiser *Admiral Nakhimov*, with Mr. Waeber on board, arrived at Chemulpo from Port Arthur. Mr. Waeber and suite arrived at Seoul the same afternoon. Prince Cyril, accompanied by the Commander of the *Admiral Nakhimov*, arrived at Seoul next day, and the Prince, accompanied by Mr. Waeber, was to be presented to His Majesty the Korean Emperor in a few days. It is reported that Russia intends to urge the Korean Government to take Mr. Waeber as an adviser to the Government and place him in the same position as Mr. Kato, Japanese Adviser to the Government.

General T. S. Sharrett, the commissioner appointed by President Roosevelt to assist in drafting a tariff treaty between the United States and China, has been making some sensational statements to the *San Francisco Call*, which interviewed him on his return. He stated it to be his conviction that unless the present means of collecting revenue are stopped by the combined powers and another form of taxation established, China will be bankrupt in less than twenty years, and the powers will never receive their indemnity. The indiscreet commissioner also said that the combined European powers are jealous of American commerce, and that in framing the tariff for China, of fifteen powers casting their votes fourteen voted every time to kill American products in China.

A recent issue of the *Manila Times* furnishes a weird example of that form of literature known as "American journalism." The information which the newspaper in question is desirous of imparting to its readers is the fact that cholera has increased in the province of Iloilo, but this bald statement is prefaced by headlines occupying four inches of space and a dissertation on the particular part played by Satan in the introduction of cholera into the world. His Satanic Majesty, according to the *Times*, gathered together all the diseases peculiar to mankind, cooked them over a sulphurous flame, multiplied the result by 36, and produced a custom-house. [Why 36, and why a custom-house?] This again, multiplied by 60, gave cholera. [And 60, multiplied by 120, spread-agle literature.]

HEALTH OF HONGKONG.

During the week ended 25th October there were notified 1 case of plague, Chinese, fatal; 1 case of cholera, Chinese, fatal; and 2 cases of enteric fever, European (imported from Manila), non-fatal.

STEAMER SINKS A CARGO-BEAT.

The police reported yesterday that on Saturday night, about nine o'clock, a cargo-beat was run into and sank off Shaikwan by a steamer (name unknown) leaving the harbour. The crew were picked up by a pilot-boat, with the exception of one man, who is still missing.

HOCKEY.

There will be a match this afternoon, when a Club team will oppose the B.A. The following will represent the Club:—

Goal—C. A. Parker, R.N.; backs—Major Bentley, R.A.M.C., and Lt. Benton, R.E.; half-backs—Lt. Solislet, R.N., C. P. Chester, and Lt. Campbell, R.E.; forwards—J. Hooper (capt.), A. G. Roberts, P. P. Wodehouse, R. U. Boggins, and R. H. Carter, R.N.

Members are reminded that the following two matches have been arranged:—Thursday, 30th Oct.—Captain's, v. Hon. Sec.'s XI; Tuesday, 4th Nov.—Civilian Members v. United Services. As the proposed Shield Competition is very likely to begin early in December, the Secretary hopes that all members will make a special effort to turn up at these practice games, if the Club team is to be in the running at all.

THE HANOI EXPOSITION.

M. Reau, the acting French consul at this port, yesterday received a telegram from Tonkin stating that the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes have decided to place their steamer *Haiphong* on the run from Haiphong to Hongkong during the period in which the Hanoi Exposition will be held. The passage rate will be \$75, return ticket, which is just half the usual fare, and there will be regular sailings. Mr. Marty's steamers will also run at reduced fares. This arrangement will no doubt be welcomed by many whose intention it is to visit the Exposition, to whom a cheap fare, regular sailings, and a quick passage will appeal.

With reference to the accommodation of visitors, the Commissioner-General writes to say that the Committee of the Exposition have taken every precaution against visitors being imposed upon in the matter of charges for board and lodgings. An official agency has been appointed to specially look after the accommodation of visitors, and the agency will guarantee reasonable prices.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE. FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

SHANGHAI, 27th October, 10 p.m.

SHANGHAI CHINA ASSOCIATION AND THE MACKAY TREATY.

A large meeting of the China Association was held here to-day. The Committee brought forward a resolution approving Sir James Mackay's treaty. Mr. E. S. Little vigorously opposed the resolution. Mr. J. O. P. Bland, Secretary of the Municipal Council, moved, and the Committee accepted, an amendment asking for safeguards from China and suggesting additions to the treaty to prevent misunderstandings and friction and to ensure China's observance of the terms. The amended resolution was carried by 53 votes to 45.

REUTERS'S SERVICE.

* LONDON, 24th October.

A SOMALILAND HOAX.

The person who alleged himself the receiver of letters from a member of Colonel Swaine's force operating in Somaliland now avers that the letters were invented with the object of hoaxing the pro-Boer organs. The hoaxer, who is a London barrister, says that he is heartily ashamed of himself.

* LONDON, 25th October.

IRISH OBSTRUCTION.

The Irish members of the House of Commons appear to be following a scheme of studied obstruction and disorder. In the House yesterday they occupied the bulk of both sittings by different devices. The Government organs show increasing exasperation, and say that a public nuisance is arising which must be abated.

THE COAL-MINERS' STRIKE IN FRANCE.

The Committee of the French Coal-miners Union have informed M. Combes that the miners are willing to accept a settlement of the dispute by arbitration.

THE EVACUATION OF SHANGHAI.

Reuters understands that the British objection to the Franco-German conditions for the evacuation of Shanghai is based on the fact that the stipulation forbidding preferential advantages refers to the Yangtze Valley only, and not to the whole of China.

LORD HOPETOUN'S TITLE.

Lord Hopetoun, late Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth, has been gazetted Marquis Lighthow.

THEIR MAJESTIES' STATE.

PROGRESS THROUGH LONDON.

The state progress of Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra through London took place to-day in warm and pleasant weather. Their Majesties, who left Buckingham Palace at noon amidst salutes, were received at Temple Bar by the Lord Mayor. Luncheon was partaken of at the Guildhall, where the Lord Mayor presented an address to their Majesties, the King in reply thanking his people, and saying how deeply touched he was at the congratulations showered upon him on the occasion of his coronation and restoration to health. The procession afterwards traversed the main streets south of the Thames, returning to Buckingham Palace at 3.30. The route was decorated and lined throughout by troops.

CAPTAIN PERCY SCOTT.

The *Portsmouth Times* received by the last mail contains a long account of H.M.S. *Terrible's* commission, and gives some interesting facts regarding her commander's career. In September, 1899, Captain C. G. Robinson (now Commodore at Hongkong) was succeeded in the command of the *Terrible* by Captain Percy Scott. Captain Scott is 49 years of age, having been born on July 10th, 1853. He entered the service in August, 1866, and obtained his promotions in the following years: Sub-Lieutenant, December 17th, 1872; Lieutenant, November 1st, 1879; commander, June 30th, 1882; and captain, January 1st, 1883. As sub-Lieutenant he served during the Ashantee war, 1873-74, and received the Ashantee medal. He was commissioned in despatches and promoted for services in the expedition up the Congo against the pirates in 1875, was gunnery lieutenant of the *Inconstant* during the Egyptian war of 1882, landed with the Naval Brigade, was highly commended in despatches, and received the Egyptian medal, Khedive's bronze star, Medjidia 4th Class. In 1887 he won a prize of £100 at the Royal Naval College; in 1890, he received promotion to the 3rd Class Medjidie from the Sultan of Turkey; and in January, 1894, was appointed a member of the Ordnance Committee. Subsequently, when in command of the *Sejla*, his arduous for gunnery brought him into prominence, but it is since his appointment to the *Terrible* that Captain Percy Scott has become so well known among Briton's world over.

THE EASTERN SCOTIA LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

The ceremony of the consecration and installation of the Lodge Eastern Scotia of Free and Accepted Masons (No. 923 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland) took place on Saturday in Chater's Bungalow at Kowloon. Wor. Bros. G. C. Anderson, E. J. Main and G. A. Watkins officiated, and were assisted by the Rt. Wor. Masters, officers and members of Lodges St. John No. 618 B.C. and Naval and Military No. 843 S.C. In all about 150 were present, and the ceremony was highly successful. The duties of the Director of Ceremonies were ably discharged by Wor. Bro. F. Howell. The ceremony was most impressive. Officers for 1902 were installed as follows:—Right Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. W. Farmer; Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. F. Howell; Wor. Substituted Master, Wor. Bro. H. Horley; Wor. Senior Warden, Wor. Bro. H. B. Bridger; Wor. Junior Warden, Wor. Bro. J. A. Tarrant; Treasurer, Bro. C. F. Fookes; Secretary, Bro. W. M. Everett; Chaplain, Bro. W. C. Jack; Senior Deacon, Bro. T. H. Jewitt; Junior Deacon, Bro. W. E. Claret; Steward, Bro. G. Patton; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. P. D. Hyatt; Inner Guard, Bro. F. Allen; Tyler, Bro. J. Vastons.

In the course of the ceremony, the Chaplain (Bro. W. C. Jack) delivered an eloquent oration, the concluding passage of which was in the following terms:—The present occasion gives fresh evidence of the increasing affection of its (the Order's) friends; we offer our best congratulations to the Right Worshipful Master, Worshipful Wardens, Officers and Members of the new Lodge. We commend their zeal, and hope it may meet with the most ample recompense; may their Hall be the happy resort of piety, virtue and benevolence, may it be protected from accident and long remain a monument of their attachment to Masonry, may their Lodge continue to flourish, their union to strengthen, and all their happiness to abound. And when they and we all shall be removed from the labours of this earthly Lodge, may we be admitted to the brotherhood of the perfect in the building of God, the Hall not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

After the investiture of the officers Bro. G. C. Anderson addressed the E.W.M., the wardens and the brethren of the new Lodge. Great satisfaction was expressed on all hands regarding the suitability of the Bungalow for Lodge purposes. An excellent supper, provided by the King Edward Hotel, was served during the evening. It should be mentioned that Bro. W. Emsd officiated as organist. The committee desire to thank those members who kindly lent their lanterns for the convenience of those who were present from the Hongkong side.

LOSS OF A BRITISH STEAMER.

News has reached Manila of the feared loss of the British s.s. *Nithsdale*, which arrived at that port about two months ago with a cargo from Newcastle, N.S.W., consigned to Inchiquin & Co. The *Nithsdale* left Manila for Marseilles and London with a general cargo and while proceeding through the Indian Ocean, ran aground on a coral reef. The weather was good and a boat containing the mate and six seamen was despatched to Colombo, Ceylon, four hundred miles away, for assistance. Arriving at Colombo, the mate succeeded in engaging a steamer to go to the stranded vessel, but when the relief party reached the scene of the disaster, some days later, there were no signs of the *Nithsdale*. It is surmised that during the interval, while the mate and boat party were away, a heavy storm must have overtaken the ship and she was blown off the reef into deep water and sunk. Beside the captain there were 31 men lost, only the mate and the six sailors surviving. The *Nithsdale* was a vessel of 2,284 tons net and hailed from Glasgow.

CHOLERA IN THE PHILIPPINES.

During the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m. on the 22nd inst., 1,201 cases of cholera and 647 deaths were reported from the provinces in the Philippine Islands. Manila reported one case and one death. The total number of cases reported up to 8 a.m. October 22, was 95,070, with 63,914 deaths; mortality 65 per cent.

THE MISHAP TO AN U.S. GUNBOAT.

The U.S. gunboat *Frazer*, which ran ashore on a reef off the north-east end of Cebu Island, has been successfully floated and was to arrive at Manila in a few days, in tow of the Naval ocean tug *Piscataque*, which was dispatched to her assistance. The small gunboat *Isla de Cuba*, which was on station at Cebu, stood by the *Frazer* until she was hauled off the reef and then went directly to Cebu. The extent of damage sustained by the *Frazer* is at present mere conjecture, but when she is hauled out on the railway, a thorough examination will be made.

THE ORIENTAL HOTEL LITIGATION.

The celebrated Ah Gong-Piton case has been dismissed from the Manila courts, as Mr. Piton has decided to abandon his claim. This release Ah Gong from the \$20,000 bond and practically ends the case. This was the case in which Mr. Piton and Ah Gong, supposed to be partners in the proprietorship of the Hotel Oriental, had a misunderstanding as to who was the real proprietor. The case was taken into the courts, where Ah Gong obtained the management after filing a \$20,000 bond, with the understanding that if the hotel was not run properly, Mr. Piton, by putting up a similar bond, could assume control of the house.

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HONGKONG, 28th October, 1902.

SOME fresh light has been thrown on the subject of the difficulties connected with the evacuation by the foreign garrison of Shanghai, which should come off on the late proximo, in accordance with the arrangement made with the late Liu Kung-yi. When we wrote about this matter last week it was not known whether we had the full details of Germany's conditions in return for the withdrawal of her troops from Shanghai. The telegram of the Peking correspondent of the *Times*, as summarised by Reuters in a despatch of the 24th inst., says that Germany stipulates that China will not grant to any other Power preferential, military, maritime, or economic advantages in the Yangtze Valley, nor the right to occupy any point commanding the river. This is a somewhat more detailed stipulation than that reported first, on the authority of the *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, by which China was to bind herself "not to concede to any Power upon the Yangtze any military or special advantages infringing the principle of the Open Door." There is, however, very little ultimate difference in the two accounts. Dr. MORRISON adds the important point that France has made similar conditions, omitting only the reference to "economic advantages." Such are the terms which have been demanded from China by two of the Powers whose troops remain at Shanghai. We have seen Reuters's telegram of the 25th inst., published in to-day's issue, an explanation of the reason for Sir Emswile Sarow's opposition to the demands of France and Germany. He objects, according to Reuters, because the stipulation forbidding preferential advantages refers to the Yangtze Valley and not to the whole

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THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

There are many leagues, and yet only one
which is entitled to the prefix of the definite
article. Despite the echo of the parrot-ory that
the "trained footpad" is stalking the land, the
British public looked last Saturday for their
afternoon amusement to take delight in the exhi-
bitions of these mercenaries, these gladiators,
these hired ruffians, and these muddled oafs.
Surely one would think they were the scum of
humanity from the carefully thought-out
epithets hurled at their heads. But the hardy
footballer just "heads" these bubbles away, and
the supporters of the game feel ennobled and
superior as they put down their little bit of silver
to watch those who can do what they dare not
try to do. Talk about the spectators playing the
game, why one-quarter of them would suddenly
expire or be seriously ill if they stripped for the
fray. Football is not a sport for weaklings, for
feeble hearts, for stiff limbs, for susceptible
lungs, and for those with veins no more likely
to stand the strain than a clay-pipe stem. No
one should play football unless he has been
physically sound by the family
doctor. But, there, I think, I can leave
the firm of Kipling, Pemberton, and Crank to
amuse themselves with ping-pong and hut-
the-shiper what time we have a royal commission
on physical training in Scotland—but more of
this anon. When the Leaguers of the First
Division began their strife last Saturday there
were three teams unbeaten, but ere the shadows
of eve came only Newcastle United was left the
only invincible eleven in their class, and that
with the season but three weeks old. In more
senses than one football is a great leveller. The
Newcastleans have begun so auspiciously that
not even the oracle of Delphi could give an
ambiguous reply concerning their future. They
thumped Stoke by 5-0, they trounced Everton
at Goodison Park by 1-0, and last Saturday
they overcame Sheffield Wednesday by 3-0,
and the Wednesday had been the masters of all
previous foes. Thus the Tyneside team won
their first three matches without losing a goal.
The question arises, how will they fare to-day
at the Hawthorns against West Bromwich
Albion? As Demetria says in *The Red Lamp*,
"I wonder." Newcastle certainly
deserved their third place in Sunderland
and Everton at the close of last season,
and they are the only club of the three
which have shown really class and consistent
football during this month. Their near neigh-
bours, Middlesborough, have opened their higher
life by winning two matches out of four, and
these ancient organisations and fierce rivals
Nottingham Forest, Notts County, and Sheff-
field Wednesday have all proved the abilities of their
players. We have Newcastle, the Forest, Notts,
and the Wednesday, all with three victories to
their credit. This is a rosy picture compared
with the black monotony presented by Aston
Villa, Everton, and Bolton Wanderers, who
have yet to entwine over their first win. The
Bolton Wanderers have lost every possible
point, and the Lancashire teams have com-
menced so disastrously that in sixteen matches
during three weeks they but three wins to their
credit. Association football in Lancashire is
by no means so supreme as it was between
1882 and 1891, but it is highly probable that
the day of the county will come again. Of
course there has, take the country all over, been
a process of levelling-up, but in Lancashire
there has also been a process of levelling-down.

NEWCASTLE UNITED.
There is an old proverb that money makes the
mare go. Metaphorically, and grammatically
the saying needs much defence, and the use of
the magic metal does not seem to have been very
talismatic with Everton and Aston Villa during
this autumn. But Newcastle are certainly
reaping the fruits of their financial enterprise
and the energy of their executive. For years
Newcastle was riven in twain between the claims
of Newcastle East End and West End, but at
length they became united, and despite the
opposition of such powerful neighbours as
Sunderland entered the charmed circle. With
three such canny men as Mr. John Telford, Mr.
John Auld, the old Sunderland half back, and
Mr. Frank Watt, their secretary, the main
spirit, it is not astonishing that the club has
forged ahead. It means a lot of hard work
for one of these extremely northern teams to
prosper in a playing sense. Last season their
combination travelled 8,070 miles, but their
gross receipts were £13,718 6s. 11d. Their
absolute capital on April 30th last was £7,027.
15s. 10d., a very fine sum indeed for a concern
which has issued shares to the extent of £380.
10s. These few figures show at a glance what
has been accomplished on the freemen's land
which the Corporation of Newcastle-on-Tyne
let to the club. I hoped the tenants of St.
James's Park will never be disgraced, though
their holding is by no means so secure. The
only important blunder on the Newcastle team,
from my point of view, applies also to Sunder-
land and Middlesborough, a lack of local men in
the eleven. Probably this is a matter that time
will remedy. For instance, Matthew King-day
is a Lancastrian, and made his name with Dar-
wen, while Tom Davidson and Agnew, the backs,
are both Scots. The former carried fame, with
Bury. The latter is a sturdy Glasgow recruit
from Kilmarnock. Standing 5ft. 7in. and
weighing 12st. 7lbs. Agnew is a rare tackler and
a good kicker. This he must be to displace
Bennie. Of the half-backs Alex Gardner came
from Lath Athlete; Andrew Aitken, the cap-
tain of Scotland, from Kilmarnock; Stewart
and McColl from the famous Queen's Park
team of Glasgow, and Ronald Orr from Paisley
S. Mirren. In addition to Kingday, the Eng-
lishman playing last Saturday against Sheffield
Wednesday were Carr, Rutherford, and Roberts.

The last named, who was born at Redditch,
established a reputation at West Bromwich,
but he has considerably enhanced his standing
in the North, and will show the Albion that he has
improved since his migration. Only two players
remain to be mentioned and they constitute
what the stereotyped journalist would describe
as "the local element." I refer to Carr and
Rutherford. Carr is a grand wing half-back
who was rescued from the obscurity of Seaton
Burn, and although obtained for the reserves
he has kept his place in the front rank by
his ability and his capacity for work. The
forward who can run round this 12-stone
Northumbrian is a man of parts. John Ruther-
ford is a ballmaker, of Wallaseid, or rather,
like Calver, of Nottingham Forest, he should
be a ballmaker according to the cranks.
Rutherford, who played in eleven matches last
season, has saved for accidents, come to stay.
He is only nineteen, and his practical know-
ledge of the game has been acquired with Percy
Main, a school team, and Willington Athletic—
merely a Northern Alliance club. Rutherford
has the adaptability to play in any forward
position, but is at present inclined to Roberts.
With such an "inside" trio as the use Orr,
the dashing and intellectual Bob McColl, both
scottish internationalists, and John Rutherford,
an inside left who deserves to be bracketed
with Settle, of Everton, Morris of Nottingham
Forest, Bache, of Aston Villa, and Priest, of
Sheffield United, the Newcastleans are indeed
blessed. Last season Newcastle would have
made more stir in the football world than they
did but for numerous accidents to their players,
and with ordinary luck I should not be
astonished to see them the constellation of this
campaign.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE RUGBY UNION.
At the annual general meeting of the Rugby
Union in London on Thursday, Mr. Mark New-
some, the well known Yorkshire gentleman, was
the committee's nomination for the office of
president, and I presume that so worthy a sports-
man has been duly elected. In these days, when
the old game of Rugby football in the country
of many woe has lost the power and the prestige
it once possessed, it must be very gratifying
to those who have remained loyal to the Rugby
Union to find one of their most respected stal-
warts so honoured. There were two brothers
Newsome—Mark and Alfred—and they were the
men who built up the Dewsbury club, which was
established in 1875. One day, when he had just
left school, Mark Newsome went to watch a foot-
ball match, but as the Leeds Caledonians were
short of a player they persuaded young "Mark"
to strip for the fray instead of being a passive
onlooker. Then the boy threw in his lot with
the club of his town, Dewsbury, and became the
captain and a member of the committee. And
a fine captain he was—one of those inspiring,
hard-working, and zealous leaders who are the
life and soul of a team. The longest drop-kick
in Yorkshire, he was a fine flier of the ball,
and a reliable tackler. As a runner he had a fine
turn of speed, and this served him well both on
the football field and the athletic track. Mr.
Newsome ultimately became the president of the
Yorkshire County Club, and when the Yorkshire
Rugby Union was founded was its first president
in 1888-89 being re-elected for 1889-90. A loyal
supporter of amateurism he has been an active
member of the Rugby Union Committee and the
international board. He is quite the proper man
to be elevated to the chair, and I trust that his
term of office will be contemporary with the
revival of the Rugby game in Yorkshire.

SIR R. B. THE RECORD-BREAKER.
Alfred Shrub, the little-running carpenter
of Horsham, achieved quite a feat on Saturday
when he established a new record for four miles.
It was at a meeting of the Brighton and Redhill
Harriers, and Shrub completed the full distance
in an inter-club handicap in 19 mins. 24.5 secs.,
and that with the utmost ease on grass. I am
very glad that so sterling an athlete has engraved
his name on the record books, especially as he
has smashed up the 19 mins. 33.4.5 secs. standing
of E. C. Willers, who was credited with these
figures at Paddington Recreation Ground on
June 10, 1894. Moreover, the professional
winner's record is only 19 mins. 25.2.5 secs., this
having been done by Paddy Cannon, of Stirling,
at the Glasgow Exhibition of 1898, so that
Shrub was only 1.2.5 secs. outside the greatest
performance known on a prepared path. At any
rate he has made a new amateur record for
the world. I have expressed my joy at this new
record because many people have doubted the
genius of the record standing to Willers,
as they say that neither before this race nor
afterwards did he ever show form consistent
with such time. This is all very well, but the
Records Sub-Committee of the Amateur Athletic
Association accepted the record. Willers was
quite a formidable runner, and a serious rival
to Kibberville, Pearce, and Sid Thomas. If
Willers had trained systematically on a path
instead of on the highway or on a meadow near
his home, he would have been a far more famous
athlete. He was capable of great deeds, and it
is absurd to think that the course was nearly
400 yards short when he did 19 mins. 33 secs.
However, Shrub has considerably reduced these
figures and removed all doubts.

STAY THOUGHTS ON CRICKET IN 1902.
A cricket season of many depressing days
and depressing results, so far as the prestige of
England is concerned, describes the so-called
summer of 1902. And yet there are several
curiosities and aspects of the campaign which
ought not to be passed over. In this vale of
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matches on record, and these in succession, so
the defeat of England by three runs was fol-
lowed by the victory of England by one wicket.
The rivalry between the Motherland and
Australia is stronger than ever. I am still not
convinced that we are inferior to the Colonists
or that the combination of 1892 is worthy to
rank as the equal of either the 1882 or 1884
team. But while cricket is advancing in
Australia, and standing still in England, I am
glad to recall that this year we have had a
Scottish County Championship for the first
time, and that this has been won by Forfarshire.
Moreover, the visit of the Lord Lientenant of
Ireland's team to England is a valuable pre-
cedent. I rejoice at these signs of life, and may
be these are the beginnings of international
cricket in the British Isles. I should be heartily
glad to find it so. It is curious, too, in this
year of wet wickets and small scores that the
Sussex and Surrey match at Hastings should
have produced 1,427 runs for 21 wickets, a new
English record, for the figures were 1,416 made
at Brighton in June, 1895, by Sussex and Oxford
University. Moreover, in this year of disap-
pointments we must not forget that Shrewsbury
after playing since 1875, hit 101 and 127 (not
out) in the same match against Gloucestershire
—the only occasion on which a feat has been per-
formed by a Notts batsman. Victor Trumper,
too, is the only Australian who has ever rivalled
this performance with his 109 and 119 against
Essex. But the brilliant young Cornwall
represents the triumph of the rising generation
just as Shrewsbury and Grace typify the many
successes of the old school in 1902. For look
you had not "W.G." hit his 201st innings of
one hundred or more in all cricket this year?
Yes, the Leviathan completed his two hundredth
century on the eve of his fifty-fourth birth-
day, and, altogether, he has scored 124 hundreds
in first-class games, and 77 in minor affairs.
Did not the Australians amass 428 for their
sixth wicket against Sussex, the previous highest
for this sixth partnership being 411 by Major
Poore and Captain Wynyard of Hants against
Somerset? In the way of innovations have we
not had white enameled stumps used at
Lord's, have we not watched a match played
without balls owing to the high wind,
blowing, and have we not seen the umpires
given greater powers to combat wet weather?
But the M.C.C. ought to go a step further,
and insist upon the umpires filling up the
footholes of the bowlers and the batsmen at the
close of every day's play, for cricket is now
almost as spectacular as football. Have we not
seen Ranjitsingh hit his fiftieth hundred and
Rhodes capture his 1,000th wicket?—two won-
derful performances, considering that each of
these cricketers has had comparatively a very
brief career. Who then will say that the
season has been altogether depressing and
disappointing? As to the Australians their
fine play and their glorious luck have enabled
them to leave our shores with but two reverses
in 39 matches; and a string of 23 victories.
The Colonists succeeded beyond their own
expectations, but even so the only batsman who
had higher averages in England than in the
last Australian season of 1891-92 were Trumper,
Noble and Hopkins. Trumper raised his
Colonial figures of 27.00 to 43.49, and even
then he averaged ten runs per innings less
than A. C. MacLaren did in the Colonies in
1901-02, for his figures were 58.98. Noble
improved his 32.29 to 32.93, and Hopkins
his 23.61 to 25.83, but there was a falling
away in all the others and notably in the
cases of Clem Hill and Sid Gregory. In
Australia last season Hill's average was
51.75, but his English figures are 31.84,
while Gregory in the same manner declined
from 44.76 to 21.77. All the Australian bowlers
have of course much finer averages than at
home, but the successes of Trumble, Standers,
and Noble were expected. No one, however,
anticipated that Warwick Armstrong would
capture 33 wickets for 16.90 runs each. Next
to the fine scoring of Trumper this is the
most sensational feat for this Australian.
Armstrong must be coupled with Len Brand
as a most dangerous bowler of leg-breaks—
and after all few men can really make the
ball break from leg. In my opinion the
cricketers of the year, from an English point
of view, have been Abel, Arnold, Blythe, C.
J. Burnup, Brand, Cranfield, Hirst, Haigh,
Iremonger, G. Jessop, the Hon. F. S.
Jackson, A. O. Jones, Lilley, Lockwood, A. C.
MacLaren, Rhodes, a Shrewsbury, Tyldesley,
Tate, T. L. Taylor, Vine, and Wess. I think
this twenty-two would play any other
twenty-two from the world. Still, hurray
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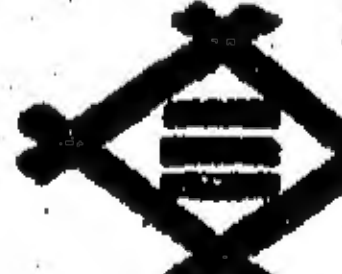
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